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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION

1. ANGOLA: SEVERAL JAN. 2 PAPERS PICKED UP WIRE-SERVICE REPORTS ON DAVID ANABLE ARTICLE IN CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR WHICH SAID HUNDREDS OF AMERICANS WERE BEING TRAINED WITH CIA FUNDS FOR SERVICE IN ANGOLA. MOST PAPERS ALSO CARRIED OFFICIAL U.S. DENIALS, BUT THE HEADLINE PLAY WENT TO THE ACCUSATION AND NOT THE DENIAL. REPORT IN JAN. 5 "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" ALLUDED TO MONITOR STORY AND SAID THAT U.S. GOVERNMENT SOURCES IN WASHINGTON HAD GIVEN "CURT AND UNCLEAR" RESPONSE TO IT. COLUMN BY MANUEL RODRIGUES IN JAN. 5 CONSERVATIVE "O DIA" COMMENTED ON PRESIDENT FORD INTERVIEW WITH NBC, IN WHICH PRESIDENT WAS REPORTEDLY "MODERATELY OPTIMISTIC" ABOUT ANGOLA SITUATION. COLUMNIST SPECULATED THAT SOVIETS MAY HAVE DECIDED "THAT THEY CANNOT MAINTAIN THEIR PRESENT POLICY WITHOUT IRREMEADIABLY COMPROMISING THEIR POLICY OF DETENT... IF THIS IS THE CASE, WE SHORTLY MAY SEE A TACIT AGREEMENT FOR HALTING FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA. WHAT IS OCCURRING MAY BE A SIMPLE MOVE BY THE SUPREPOWERS TO OPEN THE WAY FOR A SOLUTION SPONSORED BY THE OAU."

2. MCGOVERN VISIT: MODERATE, STRAIGHFORWARD TV, RADIO AND PRESS COVERAGE GIVEN SENATOR'S JAN. 2-3 LISBON VISIT. TWO SEPARATE UNCLASSIFIED

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STATEMENTS ON U.S. POLICY RE ANGOLA WERE GIVEN CONSIDERABLE

ATTENTION. ONE WAS "FROM MY PERSONAL POINT OF VIEW, THE MORE WE LEAVE THE SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS THERE FOR THE PEOPLE OF ANGOLA, THE BETTER IT WILL BE FOR US." THE OTHER WAS "THE UNITED STATES HAS AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN ANGOLA, BUT IT MUST BE CONSTRUCTIVE AND HONEST."

3. DETENT: SOCIALIST "A LUTA" OF JAN. 2 PUBLISHED ANALYSIS WHICH SAW A "HARDENING" OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN U.S. AND SOVIET UNION AFTER THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE. ARTICLE SAID "DIPLOMATS AND OTHER OBSERVERS SEE THE SOVIET UNION SEEKING TO SET UP A TWO-WAY POLICY. ON THE ONE HAND IT ESPOUSES AN IDEOLOGICAL CONFLICT WITH POLITICAL PENETRATION IN A GREAT MANY COUNTRIES. ON THE OTHER, IT (SEEKS) PEACE-MAKING AND DETENTE, WITH EXCELLENT TRADE RELATIONS. SOON IT SURELY WILL BE EVIDENT THAT SUCH A POLICY WILL NOT WORK OUT...." ARTICLE ADDS: "THE PARALYSIS OF THE SALT TALKS AND THE VIENNA CONVERSATIONS ON REDUCING EUROPEAN MILITARY FORCES INDICATE AN EVIDENT HARDENING OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO SUPERPOWERS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE EUROPEAN ALLIES. THIS WILL PERMIT THE RETURN OF AN ACCELERATED FORM OF ARMS DEVELOPMENT WITH EVIDENT DIFFICULTIES FOR THE PEOPLES OF BOTH SIDES...."

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